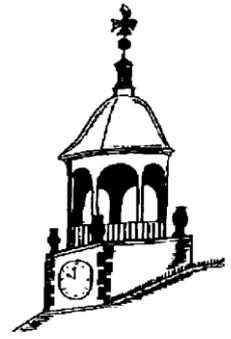


St John The Baptist, Hey



A Service of
Holy Communion

A Form of Preparation

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It is important that we prepare ourselves for worship by stilling our minds. Please allow others to prepare also.

Holy Communion is the sacrament in which, according to Christ's command, we make continual remembrance of him, his passion, death, and resurrection, until his coming again, and in which we thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice. It is, therefore, called the Eucharist, the Church's sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: and also the Lord's Supper, the meal of fellowship which unites us to Christ and to the whole Church.

The following passages may be of help in your preparations:

Prepare us, O God, for the worship of your house, and give us grace to serve you with reverence, joy, and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, the scriptures says, "There is a time for silence and a time for speech". Saviour, teach me to the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me, within this place and sense the depths which are of God.

Into his joy, the Lord has received you,
Virgin God-bearer, Mother of Christ.

You have beheld the King in his beauty,
Mary, daughter of Israel.

You have made answer for the creation
To the redeeming will of God.

Light, fire and life, divine and immortal,
Joined to our nature you have brought forth,

That to the glory of God the Father,
Heaven and earth might be restored.

Greek Orthodox Hymn to Theotokos

Lord, this is thy feast, prepared by thy longing, spread at thy command, attended at thine invitation, blessed by thine Word, distributed by thine hand, the undying memorial of thy sacrifice upon the Cross, the full gift of thine everlasting love, and its perpetuation till time shall end..... So may we come, O Lord, to thy Table; Lord Jesus, come to us.

Eric Milner-White 1884-1963

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.39-9

Let us hear our Lord's blessing on those who follow him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger & thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of
God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Beatitudes

Grant, O Lord, that through our worship this day we may be awakened to the wonder of your love for us; that familiar words may shine with new meaning and that the habit of worship may be cleansed of all stale formality and mere ceremonial observance. Open our eyes to see your loveliness and make our hearts to burn within us as you speak your words to us in this hour, so that in wondering awe we may know ourselves forgiven, energized with new life and filled with new power. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leslie D Weatherhead 1883-1975

*We welcome you and hope that you will relax and enjoy worshipping with us. Please join in with the singing and with the **bold** type.*

The Gathering

A hymn may be sung.

(Hymn numbers are on the boards and in the pew sheet)

In the name of the Father;
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

From Easter Day until Pentecost this acclamation follows:

Alleluia, Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
**to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Prayer of Penitence

The Law may be summarised:

.....hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

A minister may use a seasonal invitation to confession:

Almighty God, **our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen

or Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

or with suitable penitential sentences:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The president pronounces absolution:

Almighty God....through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in Excelsis may be sung or said:

Glory to God in the highest

And peace to His people on earth

Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father

We worship You

We give You thanks

We praise You for Your glory

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father

Lord God, Lamb of God

You take away the sins of the world

have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our prayer

For You alone are the Holy One

You alone are the Lord

You alone are the Most High

Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit

In the glory of God the Father

Amen

In Lent and Advent instead of the Gloria we may say or sing

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy

The Collect of the Day

We remain standing as a period of silent prayer is introduced with the words:

Let us pray

The Collect:

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Readings

One or two readings from the bible or a psalm / canticle may follow.

A reading ends:

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

A hymn may be sung.

*An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading
We turn to face the book:*

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to..
Glory to you, O Lord.

from Easter Day until Pentecost
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

at the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

On Sundays and principal Holy Days:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers follow

One of the following responses may be used and repeated.

either:

**O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

or:

**Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come**

or:

**Stay with me, remain here with me,
Watching and praying, watching and praying**

or:

**In our need we pray to the Lord:
hear us O Lord, and answer our prayer**

or:

**In thee O lord, I put my trust
In thee O lord, I put my trust
In thee O lord, I put my trust**

ending:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We stand as the president introduces the peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar and a collection may be gathered.

Prayers may be said as the gifts are received:

either:

Blessed....for us the bread of life
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed....for us the cup of salvation
Blessed be God for ever.

or: Yours, Lord....

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

or: **Amen**

The Eucharist Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you

or The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

.....saying / singing
**Holy Holy Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
Full with your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest**

either:

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

or:

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and
resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

At the end of the Eucharistic prayer either:

.....in songs of everlasting praise
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

or:

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, **who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.



Invitation to Communion

either:

We do not presume
**to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your
table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious
blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen**

or:

Most merciful Lord,
**your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen**

The minister invites everyone to come forward with the words

either:

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
Which he gave for you,
And his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
In remembrance that he died for you,
And feed on him in your hearts
By faith with thanksgiving.

or: Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

or: God's holy gifts
For God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory of God the Father**

or: from Easter Day until Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Receiving Communion

If you receive communion at any Christian Church you are welcome to receive Holy Communion here. Otherwise please come forward with everyone else to receive God's blessing, keeping your head bowed and hands down.

During communion we may sing the Agnus Dei, O Lamb of God and/or Hymns, the numbers of which are in the pew sheet.

either:

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

or:

O Lamb of God

**O Lamb of God, come cleanse our
hearts and take our sins away
O Lamb of God, your grace impart;
and let our guilty fear depart,
Have mercy, Lord we pray,
Have mercy, Lord we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your spirit pour,
and let us live for evermore,
In perfect heav'nly peace,
In perfect heav'nly peace.**

Prayer after Communion

A prayer after communion may be used and then this prayer may follow

either:

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen**

or:

Father of all,
**we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

The Blessing

Amen

Notices

Notices and banns may be given at this point.

Final Dismissal

Stand

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

or: from Easter to Pentecost:

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Please remain standing while the ministers and choir
depart*

A voluntary is played.

***Please join in the singing of the communion hymns
or use these prayers while others are receiving
Communion.***

Come, Lord, in the fullness of your risen presence, and
make yourself known to your people again through the
breaking of bread, and the sharing of the cup.

Lord Runcie 1921- 2000

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, refresh me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Let me never be separated from you.
From the power of darkness defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you,
that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.
Amen

"Anima Christi" - thirteenth century

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

A Franciscan prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that
we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive
and reigns now and for ever. Amen

A post Communion prayer after Easter

In this Holy Sacrifice,
may we be redeemed
by the precious Body and Blood
of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
may our lives be made new in him.

In this Holy Eucharist,
in humble thanksgiving
for the life, suffering and resurrection
of our Lord,
may we offer to him
ourselves, our souls and bodies.

In this Holy Communion,
may we be one in the mystical Body of Christ,
united in loving fellowship
with our Lord,
his saints in heaven,
and our fellow Christians everywhere.

In this Holy Communion,
may we be one with all humanity;
may we offer the joy and sorrow,
the good and evil
of all creation.

In this Holy Memorial of the Last Supper,
may we remember with penitence and joy
his great love for us sinners;
may we offer to him our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving.

In this Holy Mystery,
may we abide in him
and he in us.

Peter Nott

**If you are a visitor
and have come for the first time,
or a regular,
please do join us for coffee
after the 9.30 am service in the hall
at the back of church**

**If you are new
please introduce yourself to the clergy
or fill in a welcome card**

**Gift Aid envelopes are available at the
back of church.**

Please ask one of the Sidespersons



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